



LAND OF LAKES HRC

Retriever News



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Club Newsletter

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1999 Calendar of Events

(subject to change)

March 20 - Sat - Training Day / Club Meeting
Elk River Kennels - 9-Noon

April 10 - Sat - Training Day (Handling) / Club Meeting

Shane & Tammy Olean's in St. Francis 9am-

May 1 - Sat - Training Day / Club Meeting
Elk River Kennels - 9-Noon

June 18 - Fri - Hunt Setup / Short Club Mtg
Kelly Farms, Stillwater - 12 noon to 5 pm

June 19 - Sat - **Licensed Hunt**
Kelly Farms - 7 am Registration

June 19 - Sat Night - Game Dinner & Raffle

June 20 - Sun - **Licensed Hunt**
Kelly Farms - 7 am Registration

July 10 - Sat - Training Day / Club Meeting
Elk River Kennels - 9-Noon

August 6, 7, 8 - Fri, Sat, Sun - Game Fair
Armstrong Ranch - Anoka

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September 7 - Tues - Club Meeting
Blue Fox Inn - Shoreview 6:30 pm

Have a better idea for Training Days?
Maybe a weekday evening or more frequently held? Step up, raise your hand and volunteer to head up this task. The position of LOLHRC Training Day Coordinator is open, and waiting for you.

2 "Spring" Hunts on docket for June 19-20

Prepare your dogs and get ready to run a hunt test!

The dates are Sat June 19 and Sun 20, the place is Kelly Farms in Stillwater, the event is licensed HRC hunt tests run back to back, sponsored and operated by LOLHRC.

If our successful experience with the preliminary hunt last fall is any indication, our tasks as LOLHRC members are many to make this back-to-back hunt weekend a success. At the first two club meetings of the year club members have stepped forward to volunteer to head up the key responsibilities for these hunts. Now we just need to flesh out the staffing needs with members pitching in to help where they can. Please think about what you could do.

Here's your Spring Hunt staff:

Hunt Test Chairperson: Shane Olean - Sat, Randy Gustafson - Sun
Hunt Test Secretary: Mark Switzer
Official Gun: Wade Sampson
Game Steward: Wade Sampson
Hunt Committee: Ed Victory, Wade Sampson, Jamie Peterson, Roger Raferty, Dave Kramer

Food Committee Chair: Sharon Connell

Judges Started:

Judges Seasoned: Lana Gunsell

Judges Finished: Jim Bowden

Raffle: Randy Gustafson

Take a moment and think about how you could help out and then step forward to volunteer. Give a call to Mark Switzer (651-429-7651) or Jim Bowden (651-462-1324) and let's have some fun!

Raffle News

by Randy Gustafson

Fund raising is the survival chore of every organization whether it be business, family, political, social or your Hunting Retriever Club.

The raffle with its opportunity for rewards to the donor is a relatively easy way to raise money. This year the LLHRC will be conducting two raffles at the June Hunt. A special raffle limited to 500 tickets (with advance ticket sales) for a 12 gauge Remington 870 Express Wingmaster, and an on-site raffle with many prizes the day of the Hunt.

In March each LLHRC member will receive in the mail 5 shotgun tickets to sell before the Hunt. The shotgun tickets will sell for \$5 each, and the winner need not be present. Of course, additional tickets will be available for those who want to sell more.

At the Hunt we will hold a raffle for donated items.

I would like members to start gathering items as soon as possible to help make the on-site raffle a success as it was last fall, when we had over forty items ranging from framed artwork to whistle lanyards. If you have an item sitting around the house or shop that seemed really nice at the time you acquired it but never made it far out of the box it could be perfect for the raffle table. If you could ask the sporting goods, dog, hunting, fishing, etc., businesses you frequent for a donated item that would be great too! We will give them some promotional plugs in return. Bring your items to Club meetings and I will store them for the raffle.

Both raffle drawings will take place at the Hunt Game Dinner on Saturday, June 19. Thanks.

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Can you train your dog on public land?

A typical training event: Your retriever is on heel and off leash as your daughter fifty yards away throws a dummy into knee high grass, at your command the dog runs a straight line to the mark, retrieves the dummy, returns on a straight line to heel and delivers to hand. It's the goal every hunting retriever owner/trainer keeps working at, the communication and control between dog and handler.

Now if this event takes place on public land are you also violating the law? It could be a leash law that interrupts your training session, or maybe nesting season restrictions or another regulation. Just what are the rules, regulations and laws about training on public land? Are there public lands where training is allowed or encouraged? Is there a public space in Minnesota where Hunt Tests can be run?

At our February meeting the LOLHRC decided to write to the MN DNR to see if there is public land where we or another retriever club could hold a Hunt or a Training Day. These concerns and issues will be discussed at future meetings, in the newsletter, at training days, and in our conversations with fellow retriever folks. Let's start the research and sharing of information with the hope that we'll all hear more about this concern.

Newsletter Items Wanted!

A newsletter is only as good as the contents. The club's goal is to have a monthly newsletter. Ideally newsletters will be mailed in advance of meetings and contain information from the most recent meeting, which means the deadline for submission of items for the newsletter will be one week after each meeting (approx). Finding stuff for this tough group of readers is the challenge of its volunteer editor. Send in your stories and they'll get published. May even try some photos from time to time. Some editing for space considerations may take place.

To be included in the April Issue please mail your item to Randy Gustafson, 1775 St. Marys St., Falcon Heights MN 55113, email:copyright@ismn.net, by March 27.

Retriever Information via Internet

Techies with retrievers may even get a chance to combine a couple of their favorite activities. LOLHRC is now updated on the web thanks to Chad Peterson who volunteered at the February meeting to setup a web page with club information. Visit the site at <http://www.pconline.com/~chad/lolhrc>

Election Results Are In!

The Election of LOLHRC Officers is official and certified by members in attendance at the January meeting.

Thank you to all who voted and those who volunteered to serve as Officers in 1999 and 2000.

Guiding the LOLHRC into the next millennium will be:

Jim Bowden, President
Randy Gustafson, Vice-Pres
Lana Gunsell, Secretary
Mark Switzer, Treasurer
Board of Directors: Shane Olean,
Ed Victory, Jamie Peterson, Dinah Harlow

Many, Many Thanks to Shane and Tammy Olean, our outgoing Vice-President and Treasurer for their great efforts over the past two years to get the LOLHRC under way and off to a great beginning toward a bright future!

It's the work of good folks like Shane & Tammy, and Jim and Sharon Bowden, who are willing to start up a venture like a Hunting Retriever Club, volunteering their time and talents, that makes America the great country that it is. Thanks.